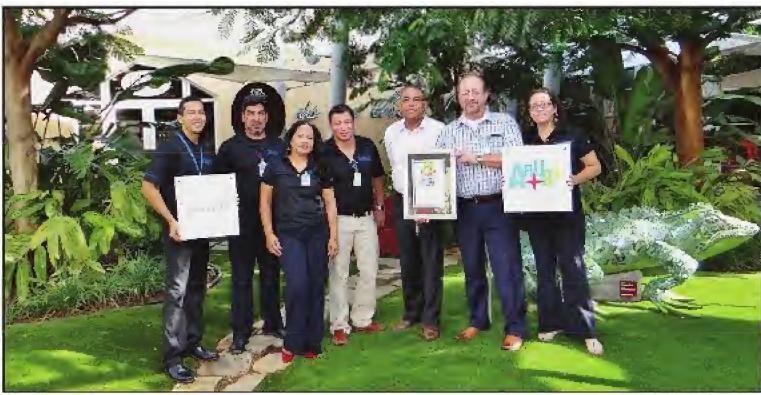
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## Double win for AAA: "Cake of the Week" and "The Arch of Triumph Award" with the arrival of LAN!





ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) received the great news that they received 2 very special awards with LAN's arrival on the island.

For LAN's arrival on Aruba

AAA prepared amongst others a very beautiful cake that received international attention. The aviation website Anna. Aereo that follows the worldwide aviation news closely and awards the most impressive in-

Additionally the website awarded AAA with "The Arch of Triumph" award for LAN's arrival.

This is for the water canon salute that the plane received from the Aruba Fire Department on its These are definately 2 awards that bring lots of satisfaction to the dynamic AAA team that made sure that LAN's inaugural event was indeed unforgettable.

augural celebrations worldwide, awarded AAA with the "Cake of the Week" for the cake made for LAN's maugural event. What mostly captured their attention was the control tower that was made/placed on the cake. Mrs. G. Pieters, a local cake maker created this award winning cake!

regulatory agency to allow only text and Internet services in flight, without voice calls.

charged with determining whether to permit voice calls during flight. "Without this proposal, you would not be able to email or to text or surf the Web," Wheeler said.

Separately, US Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx made a similar point, saying the FCC's only role "is to examine the technical feasibility of the use of mobile devices in flight."

Foxx said his agency's responsibility "is to determine if allowing these calls is fair to consumers" and "will now begin a process that will look at the possibility of banning these in-flight calls."

FCC member Jessica Rosenworcel voted to move forward on the proposal but voiced concerns over the prospect on in-flight calls.

Rosenworcel said that even though the FCC members were considering the matter as "techmicians," that "does not absolve ourselves of the consequences of our decision."

She added that she feared an end to the prevailing quiet atmosphere in airplane cabins and expressed concern "that our safety would be compromised" by allowing such calls.





## US moves ahead on plan to allow phone use in planes

"AN INDEPENDENTLY DWNED AND OPERATED BUDGET SYSTEM LICENSEE"

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators yesterday opened the door to allowing mobile phone use on airplanes -- an issue that has stirred howls of protest over the potential for disruption in the skies. The Federal Communica-

tion Commission's 3-2 vote came after chairman Tom Wheeler said the action would merely publish rules for public comment, and determine the technical feasibility of in-flight phone use. "This is a rule about technol-

ogy, this is not a rule about

usage," Wheeler said ahead of

the vote. "I don't want to listen to the business conversations of the person sitting next to me ... but if technology eliminates interference and therefore eliminates the need for the interference protection rule, then we ought to eliminate the rule." Some 60 members of Congress signed a letter urging the

Wheeler said however that potential problems should be addressed in the rulemaking process, and that other agencies as well as airlines would be





## The Aruban family composition has changed drastically



Martijn Blankestein

ORANJESTAD -- The government of Aruba together with all partners from different sectors of our community is in discussions in the National Social Dialogue to explore what is the best formula for the AOV pension program to continue financing itself in the future.

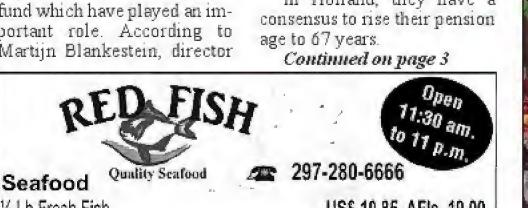
There are different aspects which have influenced this fund which have played an important role. According to Martijn Blankestein, director

of the Central Office for Statistics, the composition of the community has changed drastically during the past 50 years.

We have changed from a pyramid system where a large group works and a small group collects pension, according to Blankestein.

The government is intending to increase the pension age from 60 to 65 years, also to raise the premium ... all in phases. If we do not make changes in the AOV fund, by November 2014 the government will have to begin putting money into the fund. This was never the intention when the fund was created back in 1960 The fund was created in 1960 to retirees get along. The government is convinced that we must do everything possible to save the fund and keep it solvent.

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In Aruba we are proposing to raise it in phases. Today, people are living longer but less people are entering the job market. When the fund was introduced, there existed a working force or more or less 14 thousand people and about 1,600 pensioners.

The changes on Aruba have influenced the fund

for example, has changed drastically within a period of 16 years. In other countries this change takes about 100 years to change. Aruba has passed through a period where there was an average of 5.3 children per family to 1.7 children per family today. This has played a major role in requiring a change in the pension fund system



## Wounds Clinic complying with important role in Aruban community



years ago the "Wondenpoli" (Wounds Clinic) was estab-

hished at the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital. Here is where a variety of wounds are treated daily. In September 2013 Aruba acquired an additional wound specialist, which brings the team of wound specialists to four persons, of who three work at the Hospital and one at the IMSAN. Per year they see more than 9000 patients who are referred to them by specialists. The "Wondenpoli" definitely complies with the need for care which is so important in our community.

The majority of the patients who visit the "Wondenpoli" are those related to complications caused by chronic diseases such as diabetes combined with bad circulation. Most of the cases are related with wounds at the leg and foot. In addition they treat burns, infections, and infection after an operation, decubitus or pressure sores, and much more. Currently, the youngest patient is 10 months old baby and the oldest is someone of 92 years.

In case a patient has a leg

and experienced a peak period in the month of October.

All specialists working on Aruba can sent a patient to the "Wondenpoli", there is a complete service infrastructure that works hand in hand with the specialists. There the wound experts not only treat patients with wounds and also try to prevent wounds. There are cases when the help of a specialist or a surgeon is necessary to help treat a patient. For patient with transportation problems to comply with their



wound, the other leg is also monitored to make sure that it stays healthy. The wound experts also put much emphasis on the prevention of wounds, particularly in cases of patients with diabetes or persons who are not movable (enough). In the last case all those taking care of the patient must help take care of the wound.

In 2012 the "Wondenpoli" treated between 580 and 900 patients per month, a total of 9247 patients during the entire year. The Poli knows a high season and a low season, which falls during school vacations, because patients take vacation during this period. This year they have noted a change

date at the "Wondenpoli", AZV covers their transportation to the Hospital or IMSAN by using the services of

The type and nature of the wound will determine if the patient has to come to the Clinic every day or once or twice per week. The goal of the hospital is to stabilize the wound so the patient can return home where the care can continue in the family.

The "Wondenpoli" is open from 6:00 am to 1:30 pm. interested persons can contact them at telephone 527-4200 or via the telephone of the Hospital and leave a message on the answering machine.



## Aruba Ports Authority taking a lead role with TNO in waterside security innovations

ORANJESTAD-- Beginning on Tuesday December 10 and lasting through Monday, December 16, Aruba Ports Authority, (APA) welcomes technicians from TNO to conduct testing of an innovative

system for waterside security.

TNO is a "non-profit independent research organization whose expertise and research make an important contribution to the competitiveness of companies and organizations, the economy and to the quality of society as a whole." Aruba is honored to be host to the first and only Caribbean branch of the European think-tank.

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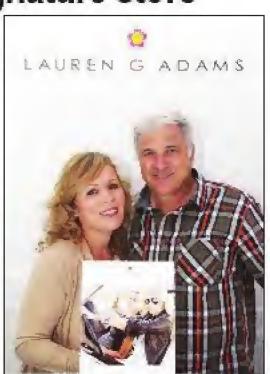


## Paseo Herencia Mall welcomes the Caribbean's first Lauren G. Adams signature store

ORANJESTAD -- The founder and designer of the popular jewelry collections of Lauren G. Adams, Orly Ovadia, was on Aruba with her husband, Joseph, for the opening of their first dedicated outlet in the Caribbean. Paseo Herencia General Manager welcomed the couple and the channing new shop owned by Ravi of Kristie's Jewelers, into their roster of fine designer stores within the Palm Beach Mall.

The Lauren G. Adams line is named after Orly's three children, Lauren, Gabi and Adam. The fine quality jewelry allows any woman to make a bold, free-spirited fashion statement, and reflects the passion of the designer for her work.

"My husband and I had been importing and marketing jewelry for ten years," confided the Canadian-born Orly, who makes her home in Hollywood, Florida, where she has her studio. "Truth be told, we were simply bored with our inventory. I wanted to see jewelry that was fun and exciting. An artisan I met liked my ideas, and told me he would produce anything I wanted... I thought, "Anything? You don't know what you are letting yourself in



Orly and Joseph Ovadi

for!"

Fifteen years later, the kudos from critics and consumer demand proved Orly's vision recognized what was sadly lacking in the market. The pieces are all handcrafted to her strict specifications, and made of bronze overlaid with 18 karat gold. Their signature look is elegant and colorful enameling, punctuated with semi-precious stones and Swarovski crystals. All are hypo-allergenic as well.

Lauren G. Adams is also well known for their delightful lines for young ladies, which are also sized for smaller wrists and fingers.

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The Summer Dream Collection

## Paseo Herencia Mall welcomes ...

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Children's collection featuring Under the Sea

When her daughters informed her that "every little girl wants to be like her manmy," she could not resist creating special lines with youngsters in mind.

"I feel this first Lauren G. Adams shop is perfect fit for Paseo Herencia and Aruba," expressed the company's executive creative director. "Our jewelry is geared to coordinate with tropical wear and travels

well to such a destination. We are certain it will be hit, and are very excited with this singular showcase. It will be a fun place to shop!"

The new store is open seven days a week, from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, and from 5:00 until 10:00 PM on Sundays.



## Aruba Ports Authority taking a lead role with TNO...

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Martijn Clarijs, Humphrey Tromp and Castro Perez

Mr. Martin Chanjs of TNO explained the project to island media on Wednesday afternoon. Originally tested in Rotterdam, the new technology they are developing addresses an issue that has been relatively ignored until now: waterside safety of commercial ports.

Standards of security for the landside portion of ports had been set by the U.N. years ago. Responsible nations wishing to guarantee the safety and insure their healthy traffic of commercial and recreational vessels, quickly did their utmost to comply, including Aruba.

Mr. Charijs pointed out, however, that measures against threats on and under the water are virtually ignored at this point. "Rather than being proactive, there is too often the mindset of only being prompted to action after an incident," he explained. "I applaud the management of APA in their foresight in testing our new method of Passive Sonar, with the intent of installing the system as soon as it is fully per-

Echo Sonar is a system of bouncing sound to identify objects, which exists naturally in dolphins and bats. It was imitated long ago by shipping to identify and trace objects in the water. To use it on a constant basis for security, however, would disturb the surrounding marine environment. The system of Passive Sonar being tested deploys extremely sensitive underwater microphones to detect the slighted echo signature, without broadcasting a disruptive ping, as does Echo

Varying underwater environments have different signatures. The sort of sounds found in a port in Rotterdam will be quite



Being pro active in waterside security.

different than that of the tropical environment of Aruba. This week's testing will be to detect and identifying the particular sound signatures within the Oranjestad Harbor. This profile can eventually be used as a template for other tropical ports with similar manne environments, as well as cruise and container ship traffic, which will read differently in the warmer waters of higher salinity, than they would in Northwest European waters. SOBEK, a company specializing in water solutions, from controlling flooding to port water aide security, is conducting the tests and partnering with TNO in the development of the technology.

Passive Sonar Security would be operative 24/7. The monitoring of the system is easily done from a smartphone or tablet, and does not require an operative sitting in front of a computer bank at all hours. It would immediately signal the incursion of suspect divers or small boats.

During these tests, Castro Perez of the Aruba Reef Care Project and Marine Park will be collecting data valuable to marine biologists. His organization fully endorses this program, and will glean information allowing them to asses the presence and distribution of marine species in the nearby reef areas. Mr. Perez expressed

he is pleased that the technology not only has security applications, but will prove a valuable tool in monitoring the health of Aruba's coral reefs.

Acting APA Director Humphrey Tromp cited the importance of taking this pro-active approach towards port safety, confirming the port authorities and Aruban government always have the welfare of its visitors as a foremost priority. He commended long-time APA Director, Alphonso Boekhoudt, who recently accepted an appointment as Aruba's Minister Plenipotentiary to Holland, for his foresight in initiating and encouraging this project for Aruba's ports.

## Colombia bristles at comments by future US ambassador

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's foreign minister rebuked the United States yesterday for public comments by its ambassador-designate questioning the abrupt removal from office this week of Bogota's leftist mayor.

At his US Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday, Kevin Whitaker said Mayor Gustavo Petro's ouster could erode conditions for a peace accord between the government and leftist guerrillas.

Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin said she would express her displeasure over the remarks in a phone call Thursday with US Assistant Secretary of State for Hemispheric Affairs Roberta Jacobson.

"They should know that ambassadors of any country do not opine on internal affairs," Holguin said in an interview on W Radio.

Petro was dismissed as mayor on Monday and banned from holding public office for 15 years on orders of Colombia's inspector general, who is empowered to oversee the func

tioning of public institutions.

The inspector general had charged that Petro violated constitutional principles by ending garbage collecting concessions to private firms, putting a city agency in charge.

In an interview Thursday with AFP, Petro appealed to President Juan Manuel Santos to block the action, warning it could sabotage peace talks underway in Havana with leftist FARC guernllas.

Petro, a former guernila himself, said: "I am the demonstration that peace is possible, in the sense that people who lay down their arms can peacefully gain power."

Whitaker made a similar point in his Senate testimony, noting that the second agenda item in the peace talks were the reintegration of former fighters into the political process.

"If individuals in Colombia were to conclude, based on this action or any other action, that that space doesn't exist, then the basic conditions for peace are going to be, in some ways, eroded," he said.

## School massacre remembered with Washington vigil



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Hundreds showed at Washington's National Cathedral yesterday to mark the first anniversary of the Newtown school massacre and demand tough gun legislation in the United States.

Pop icon Carole King performed at the late-afternoon vigil, which organizers hope will pull the media spotlight away from the New England town where 20 first-graders and six educators died.

Several Newtown residents, including relatives of the dead, were at the vigil spearheaded by the Newtown Foundation, a non-profit group that calls for tougher gun laws.

"As Christians, we follow one who died at the hands of human violence," said the Episcopal cathedral's dean Gary Hall, noting that more than 30,000 have died this year in firearm-related incidents.

"We call our elected leaders to find the moral courage and the political will to lead us all into a new, safer era in American history, said Hall, whose remarks were released prior to the event.

"Make us instruments of your peace, and strengthen our hearts and hands and minds -- not only to care for the victims and survivors of gun violence, but also to bring about the change that will end the violence caused by guns in the hands of the criminal, the sick, and the cruel."

Twenty-year-old Adam Lanza used an military-style semi-automatic rifle during his shooting spree in the class-rooms and hallways of Sandy Hook Elementary School, then shot himself in the head on the morning of December 14, 2012.

He had earlier shot and killed his mother, who owned the guns he used, in her bed as a prelude to the second deadliest mass shooting by a single person in the United States after the Virgina Tech massacre in 2007 in which 33 died, including the lone gunman.



## Spain vows to block Catalonia's 2014 independence vote

BARCELONA (AFP) - Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy vowed yesterday to block an attempt by Catalan leaders to hold an independence referendum on November 9, 2014.

A few hours after Catalan political chief Artur Mas unveiled the date and wording of the poll, the Spanish leader refused even to countenance a break-up of the nation.

"It is unconstitutional and it will not take place," Rajoy told a news conference.

"This initiative collides head-on with the foundation of the constitution which is the indissoluble unity of the Spanish nation," the conservative premier said.

Mas' governing alliance and other nationalist parties in the region had agreed to put two questions to voters next year.

- "Do you think that Catalonia should be a State, yes or 110?"

- "If yes, do you want that State to be independent, yes or no?"

Mas said a majority of parties in Catalonia, but not all, backed the referendum.

"There will be time for the Spanish state to negotiate with the Catalan institutions over how to hold this consultation in accordance with existing legal norms." Mas said.

Proud of their distinct language and culture and fed up after five years of stop-start recession, many of the 7.5 million people in Catalonia want to redraw the map of Spain, saying they feel short-changed by the central government which redistributes their taxes.

But Rajoy swiftly squashed any hope that Madnd would consider allowing the creation of a new nation nestled between France and Spain. It is up to all Spaniards to decide on the shape of their country, he said.

"No government can surrender what belongs to the Spanish people," the Spanish leader said.

Rajoy said he regretted initratives that "splinter society, feed division and generate deep uncertainty".

He called directly on Mas to respect "the political commitment he assumed not to break the law".

European Union President Herman Van Rompuy, who was in Madrid for talks with Rajoy, told the same news conference that he was "confident" Spain would remain united.

He warned, too, that any new independent state would have to apply to become a member of the European Union, subject to ratification by all member states.



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### Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate



DAR ES SALAAM, U.R. of Tanzania (AFP) - This handout picture released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations taken yesterday in Dar es Salaam shows UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UN-SGSA) Queen Maxima of the Netherlands during the official launch of the National Financial Inclusion Framework at the Bank of Tanzania. UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA) Queen Maxima and the three UN food agencies are raising awareness on how access to financial services impacts smallholder farmers and rural poor.

### French care worker charged over pensioner poisonings

CHAMBERY (AFP) - A beginning of October. charged Thursday with the fatal poisoning of six pensioners in a case that has chilling echoes of British medical serial killer Harold Shipman.

The 30-year-old woman has also been charged with attempting to poison three other elderly residents of the Cesalet retirement home on the outskirts of Chambery in the French Alps.

Chambery's deputy prosecutor, Dietlind Baudoin, said all nine residents had been given a "cocktail of psychotropic drugs" without any medical justification and with the result that six of them died.

Baudoin said the victims, all in their 80s, had been suffering from "frailties linked to their age" but were otherwise in good health, and not nearing the end of their lives.

The suspect, who had only worked in the home since the summer of 2012, has told police that she wanted to "relieve" the suffering" of the victims and did not intend to kill them, a police source told AFP. All the deaths occurred since the

French care worker was The care worker was arrested on Tuesday, initially only in connection with the death of an 84-year-old woman who fell into a coma on November 27 for no apparent reason and died two days later in the Chambery Hospital Centre.

The centre said the retirement home's doctor had reported a resident falling into a coma for which the cause could not be established following her transfer to the emergency unit.

The charged woman's alleged method of killing the patients resembled the modus operandi of Shipman, who was convicted in 2000 of murdering 15 of his patients and is be-

lieved to have killed more than 200 others whilst working as a general practitioner near Manchester in the north of Eng-

Most of Shipman's victims were killed as a result of lethal injections of the powerful painkiller diamorphine, although not all of them were elderly and frail: his youngest was only 41. Sentenced to life in prison, Shipman committed suicide by hanging in prison in 2004.

According to Baudoin, the woman charged on Thursday had recently lost her own mother after spending a lot of time nursing her through the final stages of her life.



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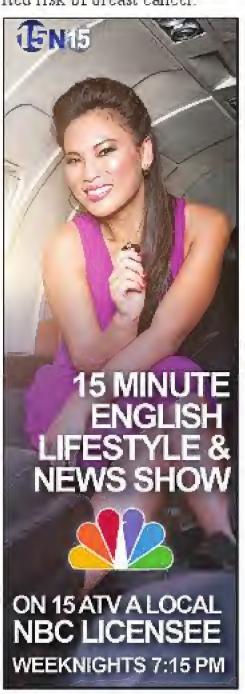
### Drug halves breast-cancer risk | for vulnerable women

PARIS (AFP) - Postmenopausal women with a family history of breast cancer more than halved the risk of developing the disease by taking an anti-hormone drug called anastrozole, researchers reported in The Lancet.

Doctors at Queen Mary University in London found a reduction in risk of 53 percent among volunteers who took the drug for five years, compared to counterparts who took a harmless lookalike called a placebo.

Anastrozole is not only more effective than the two standard drugs for preventing breast-cancer, tamoxifen and raloxifene, it also has fewer side effects, they added.

The study enrolled 3,864 post-menopausal women considered to have a high inherited risk of breast cancer.



They were deemed to be in this category if they had had two or more blood relatives with breast cancer, had a mother or sister who developed breast cancer before the age of 50 or had a mother or sister who had cancer in both breasts.

At the followup-point, five years after enrolment, 40 women in the anastrozole group had developed breast cancer compared to 85 women in the placebo group.

"This research is an exciting development in breast cancer prevention. We now know anastrozole should be the drug of choice when it comes to reducing the risk of breast cancer in post-menopausal women with a family history or other risk factors for the disease," said Jack Cuzick, head of the university's Centre for Cancer Prevention.

Side effects were rare, mostly comprising small increases in muscle aches and pains, and hot flashes, according to Cuzick.

Anastrozole, marketed

under the brand name Arimidex, works by preventing the body from making the hormone oestrogen, a source for many breast cancers.

It has been used for more than 10 years to treat postmenopausal women diagnosed with so-called destrogen receptor positive breast cancer.

In a press release, the British charity Cancer Research UK, which helped fund the research, said the study was a "landmark."

The next step was to determine which women benefited most from the drug, and which were likely to have the least side effects from taking it for a prolonged period, it said.

Cuzick added that the researchers intended to follow the volunteers for "at least 10 years, and hopefully much longer," to see whether the preventative effect was sustained, and to monitor for any change in side-effects.

The study was simultaneously presented on Thursday at a conference on breast cancer in San Antonio, Texas.

# US issues rules for removing antibiotics from farms

WASHINGTON (AFP) - In response to concerns about the rise in drug-resistant superbugs worldwide, US regulators Wednesday issued voluntary guidelines to help cut back on antibiotics routinely fed to farm animals.

The plan described by the Food and Drug Administration is not mandatory, and applies only to certain pharmaceuticals that are given to healthy livestock in a bid to grow bigger animals and boost food production.

"We need to be selective about the drugs we use in animals and when we use them," said William Flynn, deputy director for science policy at the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine.

"Antimicrobial resistance may not be completely preventable, but we need to do what we can to slow it down."

The FDA guidelines set out a three-year timeframe for phasing out the use of antibiotics that are important in human medicine for growth uses in farm animals.

Companies that make animal feed containing antibiotics would be restricted to marketing them only for sick animals. The medicines would also have to be administered or prescribed by a veterinarian with a view to preventing or controlling disease.

The World Health Organization says mappropriate use of antimicrobial medicines in farm animals is one the factors underlying the spread of drugresistant infections in people, including tuberculosis, malaria and gonorrhea.

Other factors include people's failure to complete the full doses of antibiotics when sick and the lack of a coordinated global response to dangerous illnesses.

Consumer advocates say 80 percent of antibiotics sold in the United States are destined for use in livestock, so leaving the responsibility in the hands of business is a mistake.

Louise Slaughter, the only microbiologist in Congress, described the FDA's voluntary guidance as "an inadequate response to the overuse of antibiotics on the farm with no mechanism for enforcement and no metric for success."

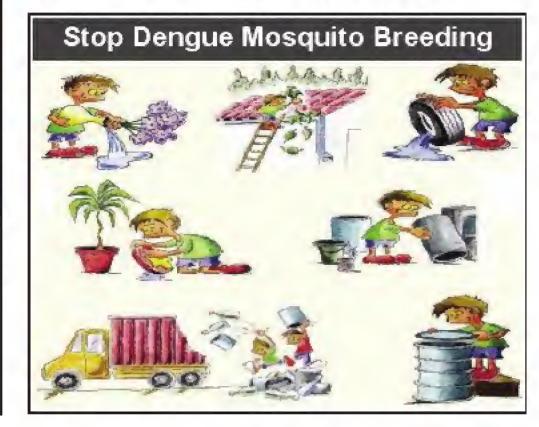
Industry representatives, including the Animal Health Institute, said they would comply with the FDA plan.





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- Meanwhile, grate a one-inch piece of fresh ginger root.
- Put the ginger in a thermos.
- Put a dash of lemon juice in the thermos.
- Add about a tablespoon of honey as well.
- When your water is boiled, pour it in the thermos.
- Cover it up and let it sit for 20 minutes.
- Strain into a tea cup and enjoy!





### Beatles to get Grammys lifetime achievement award

LOS ANGELES (AFP) -Grammys organizers announced lifetime achievement awards Thursday for The Beatles and six other acts, including the Isley Brothers and electronic music pioneers Kraftwerk.

Kris Kristofferson is also among artists who will get their awards in the week before the January 26 Grammys show, along with Mexican composer Armando Manzanero, creole "King of Zydeco" singer Clifton Chemier and late US violinist Maud Paul.

The Academy described the seven-times Grammy-winning Beatles, also known as the "Fab Four," as one of the most influential groups in music history, whose music was "rooted in 1950s rock and roll" but developed to range from "pop ballads to psychedelic rock."

It is not clear who will pick

up the honor in January. The two surviving Beatles, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, are still performing. McCartney sang at the last Grammys show in January this year.

The Isley Brothers, who had hits with "Harvest for the World" and "It's Your Thing," enjoyed "one of the longest, most diverse, and most influential legacies in pop music," organizers said, noting that two of the brothers continue to perform.

Last year's honorees included pop icon Michael Jackson and Canadian singer Leonard Cohen, as well as classical pianist Andre Previn.

Tinseltown's annual awards season got into full swing Thursday with the announcement of nominees for the Golden Globes, the second biggest movie prizes after the



## Afghan opium cultivation hits record high in 2013: UN

KABUL (AFP) - Opium cultivation Afghanistan reached a record high in 2013 as farmers seek to "insure" themselves before NATO forces withdraw next year, the United Nations said Wednesday.

The area planted with poppy rose by 36 percent in 2013, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said in its annual report on Afghanistan, while production of opium, the main ingredient in heroin, jumped almost 50 percent compared with last year.

There are fears that the departure of most of the US-led NATO troops, who currently number around 75,000, by the end of 2014 will throw the war-torn nation into chaos.

"Farmers may have driven up cultivation... trying to shore up their assets as insurance against an uncertain future, which could ensue from the withdrawal of international troops next year," the UNODC said.

More than a decade of Westem-backed efforts to eradicate opium production have had limited success and farmers in two previously "poppy-free" provinces in the north began growing the crop in 2013.

Afghan officials blamed insecurity as the main factor behind the surge, which has continued for a third straight year.

Helmand in the south is one of the most troubled regions in

Afghanistan where the Taliban are most active.

Rashidi, recently appointed acting Afghan counter-narcotics minister by President Hamid Karzai to the post, said he was determined to fight opium cultivation including the "use of force to prevent cultivation"

The report said that in 2013 the area under opium poppy cultivation rose to 209,000 hectares (516,230 acres) from the previous year's total of 154,000 -- higher than the previous peak of 193,000 hectares in 2007.

Opium production reached 5,500 tons, up by almost half from 2012 but lower than the 2007 high of 7,400 tonnes as bad weather in southern

Afghanistan affected crops.

The farm-gate value of opium production -- around \$950 million, or the equivalent of four per cent of national GDP in 2013 -- increased by almost a third.

Together with profits made by drug traffickers, the total value of the opium economy within Afghanistan was significantly higher, the report said.

It suggested the illicit economy would grow further while a slowdown of the legal economy was predicted in 2014.

Despite the presence of tens of thousands of foreign troops since a US-led invasion ousted Taliban in 2001, Afghanistan produces about 90 percent of the world's opium.

## "Golden Tweet" the most echoed note on Twitter in 2013

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Twitter on Thursday revealed that a message acknowledging death of 'Glee' television show star Cory Monteith was the most echoed tweet on the globally popular messaging platform this year. The message posted on Twitter about Monteith's fatal drug overdose by co-star Lea Michele



was re-tweeted more than 408,000 times from 133 countries, making it the "Golden Tweet" of 2013, according to the San Francisco-based Internet company. A Twitter message announcing the death of "The Fast and The Furious" film celebrity Paul Walker in a car crash was second, having been re-tweeted 400,367 times, according to Stricker. The third most re-tweeted message was one fired off by One Direction band member Niall Horan rejoicing in having just turned 20 years old.



## Scientists discover second, secret DNA code



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Scientists have long believed that DNA tells the cells how to make proteins. But the discovery of a new, second DNA code Thursday suggests the body speaks two different languages.

The findings in the journal Science may have big implications for how medical experts use the genomes of patients to interpret and diagnose diseases, researchers said.

The newfound genetic code within deoxyribonucleic acid, the hereditary material that exists in nearly every cell of the body, was written right on top of the DNA code scientists had already cracked.

Rather than concerning itself with proteins, this one instructs the cells on how genes are controlled.

Its discovery means DNA changes, or mutations that come with age or in response to viruses, may be doing more than what scientists previously thought, he said.

"For over 40 years we have assumed that DNA changes affecting the genetic code solely impact how proteins are made," said lead author John Stamatoyannopoulos, University of Washington associate professor of genome sciences

and of medicine.

"Now we know that this basic assumption about reading the human genome missed half of the picture," he said.

"Many DNA changes that appear to alter protein sequences may actually cause disease by disrupting gene control programs or even both mechanisms simultaneously."

Scientists already knew that the genetic code uses a 64-letter alphabet called codons.

But now researchers have figured out that some of these codons have two meanings.

Coined duons, these new elements of DNA language have one meaning related to protein sequence and another that is related to gene control.

The latter instructions "appear to stabilize certain beneficial features of proteins and how they are made," the study said.

The discovery was made as part of the international collaboration of research groups known as the Encyclopedia of DNA Elements Project, or ENCODE.

It is funded by the US National Human Genome Research Institute with the goal of finding out where and how the directions for biological functions are stored in the human genome.

# Chinese boy in eye-gouging case leaves hospital



HONG KONG (AFP) - A sixyear-old Chinese boy who had his eyes gouged out was discharged from a Shenzhen hospital Thursday, after being fitted with prosthetic eyeballs.

Guo Bin - known as Bin Bin - has made a full recovery from surgery to attach the implants, which look and move like normal eyes but will not enable him to see.

Bin Bin's artificial eyes, consisting of the implant and the eyeshell, are attached to tissue and muscle giving them the ability to move normally.

Bin Bin, who will fly home to Shanxi on Thursday, will begin to use sensory equipment to help his movement next year.

The equipment, placed on the forehead and the tongue, will help Bin-Bin navigate as it captures images and sends electric signals to his brain.

These types of navigation devices are already in use in Japan and Europe.

# Apple wins court battle against Samsung

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea's Samsung on Thursday lost its latest claim in a long-running global copyright battle against bitter rival Apple, a surprise blow to the electronics giant in its home market.

A court rejected Samsung's claims that some Apple products had infringed on three of its patents covering messaging technology for mobile devices.

It's the first time a South Korean court has ruled against Samsung in its battle with Apple.

The ruling dealt a blow to Samsung's efforts to build its case over patents covering the designs and functions of smartphones.

Samsung had launched the lawsuit in a bid to stop the sale of some of Apple's iPhone and iPad models in South Korea. But the court rejected all of Samsung's claims against Apple, including a request to pay US\$95,092 in damages.

The court noted that two of three patents in dispute are invalid because they can be easily developed using existing technologies.

### Yahoo Mail trouble hits fourth day

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -An outage at Yahoo Mail hit its fourth day on Thursday, prompting thousands of furious users to ratchet up their criticism on social media.

Many people said they couldn't retrieve emails from their inboxes or complained that emails were not being delivered.

"We are continuing to work on resolving this and ask that you stay tuned for further updates," Yahoo said in a message fired off on Twitter.

The California-based firm on Wednesday apologized and promised a fix by the end of that day, but problems have persisted.

Yahoo would not disclose the number of email accounts knocked out of service since late Monday night California time. It is estimated there are about 280 million Yahoo Mail users.

"We are very sorry for recent difficulties with Yahoo Mail," the company's senior vice president of communication products Jeffrey Bonforte said in a short message posted on Tumble.

He blamed the outage on a "hardware problem" at one of Yahoo's data centers.

Some functionality was returning to the free Web-based email service as Yahoo scrambled to get it back in full operation

Yahoo Mail users turned to Twitter and online chat forums to unleash frustration at being cut off from email and threatening to switch to a free service offered by Google.

Among complaints was a woman who complained having emailed invitations to a holiday party and not knowing what to expect because replies aren't being delivered.

The Yahoo Mail disruption marks a stumble for chief executive Manssa Mayer, who has made focusing on people's "daily habits" such as email part of her plan to revive the faded Internet pioneer.



## Hilton shares jump 9% after record hotel IPO



Trader await for the initial price offering (IPO) of Hilton Worldwide (HLT) on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shortly after the opening bell yesterday. (AFP)

NEW YORK (AFP) - Six years after being taken private, Hilton Worldwide Holdings yesterday made a successful comeback to the market, jumping nine percent after its IPO raised \$2.35 billion.

The IPO, the largest ever in the hotel sector and the second-biggest US market debut of 2013, illustrated strong investor demand for Hilton, the world's largest hotel company by some benchmarks.

Investment banks priced IPO shares at \$20, on the high end of the \$18-\$21 range originally given, and boosted the number of shares by nearly five million compared with the initial plan.

In all, Hilton sold 117.6 million shares and set aside an additional 17.6 million shares in case of additional demand.

Hilton shares, trading under the "HLT" ticker on the New York Stock Exchange, immediately vaulted higher and were trading 9.1 percent higher at midday at \$21.81

Hilton has touted a large increase in hotel rooms and a growing international presence since the chain was bought by US investment titan. The Blackstone Group in 2007 for \$25 billion. Of the new rooms under construction, 78 percent are outside the US, Hilton said in a US securities filing.

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the company owns the Waldorf Astoria and Embassy Suites charns, among others. Hilton has more than 4,000 hotels, resorts and timeshares in 90

countries and territories.

Chief executive Christopher Nassetta emphasized regional diversification in a television interview yesterday.

"It's a big world and different parts of the world speed up and slow down," Nassetta told NBC yesterday.

"We think we're very quick on our feet" to tailor the right hotel chain at the best time, Nassetta said.

Nassetta told CNBC he aims to speed growth in the "more capital light" aspects of the hotel business, but does not plan to sell existing properties in the short-term.

As with most leading hotel chains, Hilton has avoided direct ownership of most new properties.

About 99 percent of the company's new hotel pipeline are either franchises or managed by Hilton but owned by other parties, said Chad Molmann, an analyst at Morningstar.

This model permits Hilton to achieve larger profit margins with lower capital investment. Hilton's services to its franchises include a central reservation system and guidance on designing the hotel, Molmann said.

Hilton has said it plans to use proceeds from the IPO to pay down debt.

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## US stocks decline for third day on taper speculation

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks yesterday closed lower after a surprisingly good retail sales report boosted speculation that the US Federal Reserve could soon scale back its stimulus program.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 104.10 points (0.66 percent) to 15,739.43.

The broad-based S&P 500 declined 6.72 (0.38 percent) to 1,775.50, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index gave up 5.41 (0.14 percent) at 3,998.40

Yesterday marked the third straight day of losses after strong gains throughout the year.

Peter Cardillo, director of investment research at Rock-

well Global Capital, attributed the decline to a November retail sales report, which showed growth of 0.7 percent, above the 0.6 percent expected by analysts.

"The market is positioning itself for a very possible tapering announcement at next week's" Federal Reserve meeting, Cardillo said.

"They have all the evidence needed to act."

The retail sales data follows better economic reports on growth and unemployment, Cardillo said. These reports have fostered speculation the Fed might taper its \$85 billion a month bond-buying program at its policy meeting that wraps up Wednesday.

## Bank of America to pay for Merrill's bad disclosures

NEW YORK (AFP) - Bank of America agreed to pay \$131.8 million for Merrill Lynch misleading investors about mortgage-linked securities in 2006 and 2007, the federal regulators announced yesterday.

The charges announced by the Securities and Exchange Commission applied to Merrill Lynch, before it was acquired by Bank of America in 2009.

According to the SEC, Merrill Lynch did not disclose to investors that a hedge fund, Magnetar Capital LLC, had significant input in the selection of collateral for a pair of complex security vehicles Merrill structured and marketed to investors.

The SEC also charged Merrill with keeping inaccurate records about its participation in a third investment vehicle.

Merrill's omission was significant because Magnetar's interests were "not necessarily aligned" with other investors because Magnetar was betting the value of the investments, known as collateralized debt obligations, would fall, the SEC said in a statement.

"Merrill Lynch marketed complex CDO investments using misleading materials that portrayed an independent process for collateral selection that was in the best interests of long-term debt investors," said

George Canellos, co-director of the SEC's Division of Enforcement.

"Investors did not have the benefit of knowing that a prominent hedge fund firm with its own interests was heavily involved behind the scenes in selecting the underlying portfolios."

In one case, Merrill, Magnetar and investment advisor Harding Advisory selected the collateral for the "Octans 1" CDO, but a Merrill disclosure mentioned the selection was made only by Merrill and Harding, the SEC said.

In another CDO dubbed "Norma," Merrill disclosures said the selections would be made by investment adviser NIR Capital Management when in fact one-third of the assets were acquired by Magnetar, the SEC said.

Merrill also violated booksand-records requirements for not disclosing payments to Magnetar related to trades until after the asset was priced, the SEC said.

Bank of America spokesman said the firm is "pleased to resolve this matter, which pre-dated Bank of America's acquisition of Merrill Lynch."

The penalty was covered by the bank's existing legal reserves, he added.



CHICAGO: Bottles of Sriracha hot chili sauce are offered for sale at a grocery store on December 12, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois. Huy Fong Foods, the maker of Sriracha, says it can't ship any more of its sauce until next month because in California, where the sauce is produced, the Department of Public Health is now enforcing stricter guidelines that require sauces be held for 35 days before they are shipped. (AFP PHOTO)



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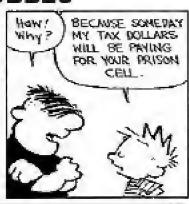
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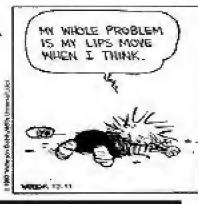


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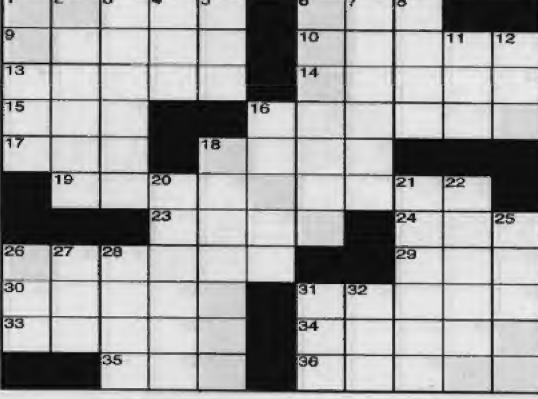
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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



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-- A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course,

the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run\* comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English waywith vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## Dream is to 'win World Cup', says Prandelli

MILAN (AFP) - Italy coach Cesare Prandelli admitted he will lead his side to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil harbouring dreams of victory, and hopes his players feel the same.

Prandelli last week described Group D, in which Italy have been drawn alongside Uruguay, Costa Rica and England for the opening matches of next summer's showpiece, as "difficult".

But the Azzurri coach on Thursday said his ambitions were much bigger than simply making it to the last 16 of the tournament.

"To the players I always say if you're going to dream, dream big. And my dream is to win the World Cup," Prandelli said at a meeting at the Italian Football Federation (FIGC).

"Thinking like this can do you good, and can be contagious. Sometimes it works, and this time it can also work."



Four-time champions Italy kick off their campaign against England with an evening fixture amid expected hot and humid conditions in Manaus, in the north of Brazil.

Italy, who lost 4-0 to Spain in the final of Euro 2012, meet Costa Rica in Recife six days later before travelling to Natal to take on Uruguay in another early afternoon match.

Should Italy qualify for the

last 16 from Group D, they will meet one of the top two teams in Group C, which consists of Colombia, Greece, the Ivory Coast and Japan.

If successful, it would go some way to erasing the memory of a winless group campaign in South Africa in 2010, a humiliation which came only four years after Italy had beaten France on penalties to win the 2006 final.

### BRIEFS:

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HERNING (AFP) - Denmark broke the women's 4x50m shortcourse freestyle world record at the European championships on Thursday, delighting the 6,000 home fans and causing havoc with the timing system. Led by 50m world butterfly champion Jeanette Ottesen, the Danes were forced to wait a few minutes before their record time was confirmed after a performance which proved too quick for the electronic displays inside the arena which froze. Danish Crown Princess Mary (C) poses with athletes of Denmark's team.



NEW YORK (AFP) - LeBron James, who led the Miami Heat to the last two NBA titles, is leading the early voting for the February All-Star Game. In early returns released Thursday by the NBA, James leads all vote-getters with 609,336. Indiana's Paul George is next in the Eastern Conference with 489,335. Oklahoma City star Kevin Durant is the Western Conference's top vote-getter with 607,407. Starters will be announced on January 23, and this season's All-Star Game will be held in New Orleans on February 16.

## UEFA seeks end to 'triple punishment'

BILBAO (AFP) - European football's governing body UEFA on Thursday reiterated its wish that the so-called 'triple punishment' be reconsidered by the panel that governs the laws of the game.

Under the current laws, a player who denies an opponent a clear goalscoring opportunity in the box and concedes a penalty should also receive a red card and is therefore automatically suspended for a subsequent fixture.

However, at a meeting in Bilbao in the Spanish Basque Country on Thursday, UEFA's



UEFA General Secretary Gianni Infantino addresses journalists.



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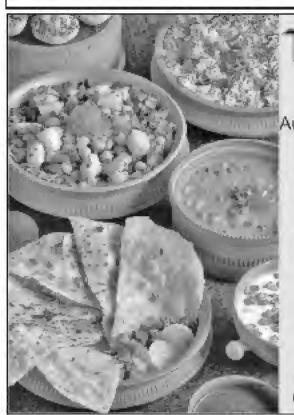
www.sasaki-apartments.com E-mail: sasakiapartments@hotmail.com Executive Committee asked for the International Football Association Board (IFAB) to recommend awarding only a yellow card rather than a red in such circumstances.

UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino said: "The Executive Committee has asked IFAB to address the issue and clarify the situation at their next meeting so that there are no more red cards for fouls committed inside the box.

"We need to resolve the issue of the 'triple punishment' once and for all. Everyone is talking about it and feels it is an injustice."

Meanwhile, Infantino confirmed that Spain and new UEFA member Gibraltar would be kept apart when the draw for the Euro 2016 qualifiers is made in Nice, France next February.

The sovereignty of the British Overseas Territory on the southern tip of the Iberian peninsula has long been disputed by the Spanish.



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## Brazil Taekwondo is best team of San Nicolaas Championship

ORANJESTAD - The Brazil Taekwondo Foundation's Train Hard Fight Smart Team is the best team once more in the last Championship organized by the San Nicolaas Taekwondo Center under the leadership of Master Eric Barry.

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- 1. Rasheed Lowe.
- Joshua Klabér.
- 3. Justin Arrindell.
- 4. Jourdé Klabér.
- 5. Irayim Delamore б. Shandor Wanga.

Congratulations to these athletes who made it possible for the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation to be the best team and their coach Clifford Rasmijn who coached the team.

Pabien Guys and Keep Up the Good Job!

### **MLB BRIEFS:**



SAN FRANCISCO - Michael Morse and the San Francisco Giants reached agreement on a one-year, \$6 million contract Thursday, and he is expected to be the team's starting left fielder. Traded from Seattle to Baltimore last Aug., Morse also can play first base and right field to give manager Bruce Bochy some flexibility in writing his lineup.



NEW YORK - Major League Baseball plans to eliminate home plate collisions, possibly as soon as next season but no later than by 2015. New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson, chairman of the rules committee, made the announcement Wednesday at the winter meetings. Player safety and concern over concussions were major factors in the decision. In a sport long bound by tradition, a ban will be a major step. MLB also is instituting a vast increase in the use of instant replay by umpires next season in an effort to eliminate blown calls. Citing player safety, Alderson said wording of the rules change will be presented to owners for approval at their Jan. 16 meeting in Paradise Valley, Ariz. While approval of the players' union is needed for the rules change to be effective for 2014.

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### New Board for Aruba Taekwondo Bond



Mr. Chaco Cornelio and Mrs. Marilu de Veer



ORANJESTAD - Last Friday evening at the Centro Deportivo Betico Croes, an election took place to select a new board for the Aruba Taekwondo Bond (ARTBO). Mr. Jerry Franka president of ASU was present and guided the entire process.

A large number of members were present from the different Taekwondo schools who came to help choose a new board. Jerry Franka opened the meeting and explained exactly how the election process was to go. After electing a new board, Grand Master Chaco Jose Cornelio closed the meeting.

The new president of the

Aruba Taekwondo Bond is Marilu de Veer. Marilu explained what the Bond can expect from her as president of the Bond. Marilu is well known in the Taekwondo circles. She is best referee and has much to offer the Taekwondo of Aruba.

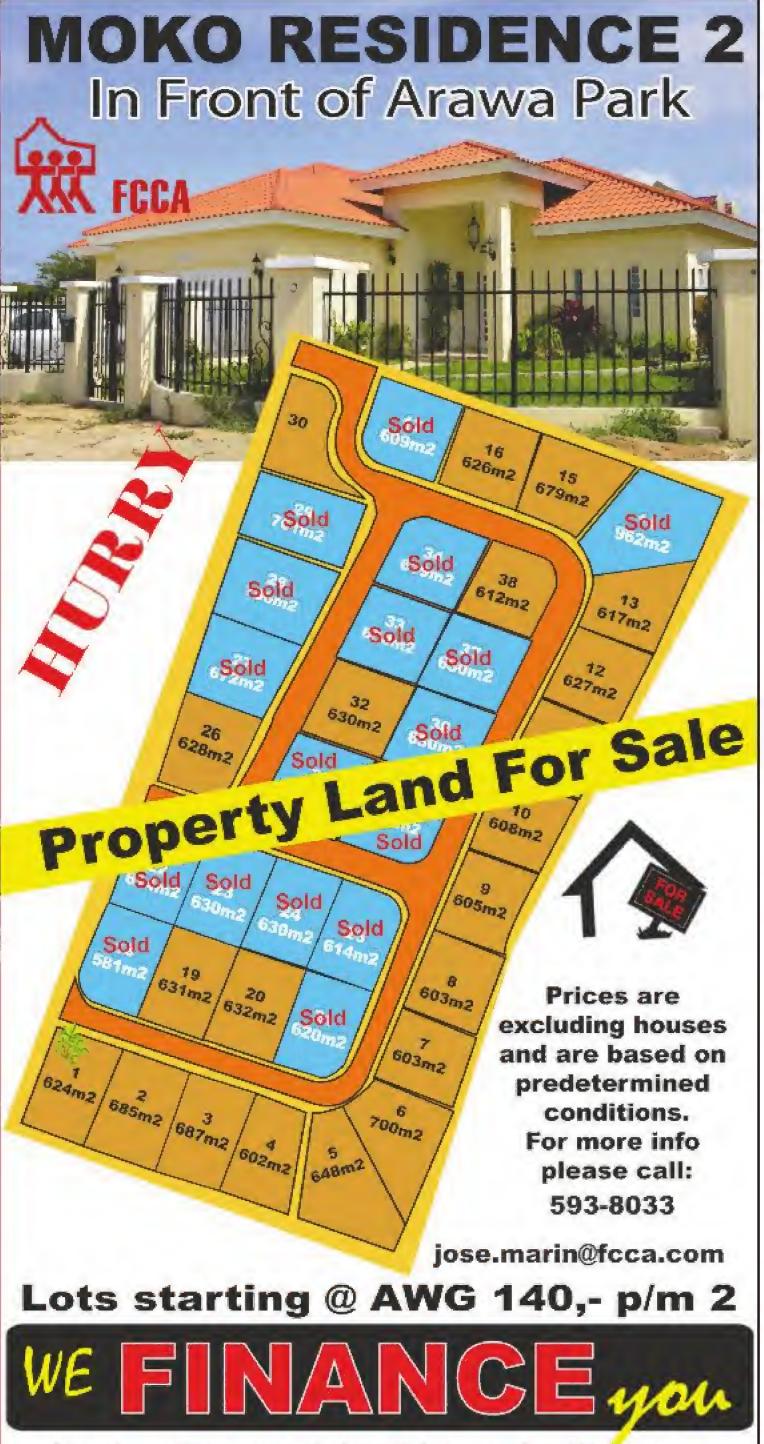
Everyone was pleased with the new members of the Bond and congratulated all. The new board will be meeting this week. They intend to introduce some changes.

Marilu de Veer has indicated that there will be several commissions whom she will present in the general meeting as soon as possible.

## Brazuca: The Official Ball for 2014 World Cup



Curious fact: The name 'Brazuca' was selected through a public vote organised by the Local Organising Committee and Adidas (manufacturers of the ball) — where over one million fans participated. The term 'Brazuca' is used to describe national pride in the Brazilian way of life and symbolises emotion, pride and goodwill to all.



\* Certain conditions are applicable. FCCA reserves the right of approval.

Football: Messi departure impossible, says Barca chief

MADRID (AFP) - Lionel Messi will be going nowhere as long as Sandro Rosell is in charge at Barcelona, the Catalans' president said Thursday. Four-time Ballon D'Or winner Messi is currently injured and out of action until January. He is under contract until 2018, which will take him almost up to his 31st birthday. According to media claims in Spain, Messi has a 250 million euro (\$344m) buy-out clause, although teams that could afford that are few and far between. The rumours about a possible renegotiation seem to stem from a question of salaries. Cristiano Ronaldo signed a new contract at Real Madrid in September allegedly making him the highest paid player in Spain, according to Sports newspaper Marca, on 17 million euros a season, with Messi supposedly being paid only 16 million euros, according to Forbes magazine.